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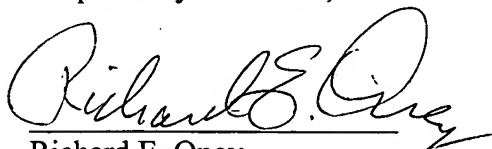
In response to the Office Action dated August 23, 2005, Applicants hereby provisionally elect, with traverse, the claims of paragraph I (as described on page 2 of the Office Action) and the species of Group I (comprising Figures 1-7, as described on page 3 of the Office Action) for prosecution on the merits. Applicants submit that claims 1-15 read on the species of Group I.

Applicants traverse the restriction requirement under 37 CFR § 1.141, which provides that "more than one species of an invention, not to exceed a reasonable number, may be specifically claimed in different claims in one national application, provided the application also includes an allowable claim generic to all the claimed species and all the claims to species in excess of one are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of the

generic claim.” Applicants respectfully submit that claim 1 is an allowable claim generic to the species of Group I and of Group II. All of the claims of Group II (i.e., claims 18-24) depend from claim 1.

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Respectfully submitted,



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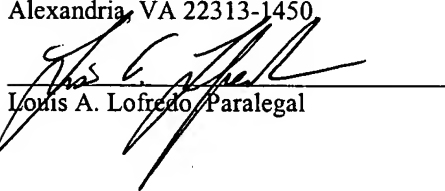
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